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In re application of

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Hideaki SHIGA, et al.

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants note that the Examiner's particular comments regarding the reasons for allowance do not accurately reflect the claim language. For instance, the comments in the Notice of Allowability state that "the prior art of record does not show or render obvious a magnetic tape cartridge comprising a single reel, a magnetic tape with a leader pin, a spring member, recesses in upper and lower casing halves, and a slide door with a rib". However, Applicants submit that additional claim limitations, besides the above recitation noted by the Examiner, are also patentably distinct from the prior art.

For this and other reasons, Applicant submits that the scope of the claims should be governed by the actual claim language, not by the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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